



Indiana State Excise Police News Release

302 West Washington Street, Room E112 ~ Indianapolis, IN 46204

Telephone: (317) 232-2469 ~ Fax: (317) 233-6114

www.in.gov/atc/ise

For Immediate Release

Contact Person:

Officer Travis Thickstun

tthickstun@atc.in.gov

(812) 523-8314 or (317) 691-5125

Excise Police Issue 78 Summonses During IU Homecoming Weekend

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. – Indiana State Excise Police officers issued 78 summonses to 41 people during Indiana University's homecoming weekend Thursday through Saturday. Twenty-three of those summonses were issued during tailgating Saturday. Excise officers also incarcerated eight people over the weekend.

Of those cited or jailed, 34 were minors (18-20), six were adults (over 21) and one was a juvenile (17 or younger).

Most summonses were for illegal consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages. The following is a list of charges:

- 32 – Illegal possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages
- 17 – Possession of false identification
- 12 – False statement of age to permittee
- 6 – Public intoxication
- 4 – False government-issued identification
- 3 – Resisting law enforcement (forcibly or by fleeing)
- 2 – Minor in tavern
- 1 – Furnishing alcoholic beverages to a minor
- 1 – Public nudity

“The number of inordinately intoxicated people encountered by excise police during homecoming significantly exceeded a normal weekend in Bloomington,” Officer Travis Thickstun said. “While an average of one or two people are incarcerated by our officers during a football weekend, eight were jailed this weekend, most because they were highly intoxicated.”

Excise police took a 47-year-old man to Bloomington Hospital after he tested in excess of .30% BrAC. The man was nearly hit by two cars when he walked out in front of them,

causing both to come to a stop. While the man was not injured, officers transported him to Bloomington Hospital to be checked because of his level of intoxication.

Those issued summonses must appear in Monroe Circuit Court on various dates in December.

Indiana State Excise Police officers are the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol & Tobacco Commission. While excise officers are empowered to enforce any state law, they focus primarily on alcohol, tobacco and related violations.